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The Report of the 12th Annual Administrators' Conference held at Helena, March 28-31, is being prepared and will soon be distributed to all participants and others interested in Conference activities.

The HANDBOOK OF MONTANA SCHOOL FINANCE AND STATISTICS, introduced at the Administrators' Conference, has been supplied to County Superintendents, District Superintendents, Principals of County High Schools, Boards of County Commissioners, County Treasurers and local Boards of Trustees. Others may purchase the HANDBOOK at cost from the Department of Public Instruction -- $4.05, including mailing . . . . Loan copies, for two-week periods, may be obtained from the Department, the borrower paying only return mailing costs. Contents include:

Principles of School Finance in Montana, with graphic illustrations . . .

The School Budget: Basis of Financial and Statistical Data Requirements . . .

Index of Key Duties of Officials Responsible for School Finance and Statistics . . .

The How and Why of School District Budgeting and Accounting . . .

Reproductions of Official Forms . . .

Foundation Program Schedule. And much more.

Mrs. Fay M. Hall, Cut Bank teacher, has won a regional award in John Gunther's HIGH ROAD Teacher Awards Program, with choice of a two-week tour of New York and New England, or of the Rocky Mountain area.

For teacher-librarians: Montana State College, Bozeman, offers a Grolier-Americana Scholarship in Library Science for teacher-librarians needing library science courses to complete their qualifications. Write Lesley M. Heathcote, M.S.C. Librarian, before May 25 for details.

Aviation Education Workshop Scholarships, nearly all awarded, still offer a few opportunities for late applicants. Workshops will be held at Eastern Montana College of Education, June 13-July 1; and at Northern Montana College, June 16-July 6. Directors: At Eastern, Mrs. J. O. Janey, Glendive English teacher, commercial pilot and transcontinental air racing veteran; at Northern, Mrs. Patti Owsley, N.M.C. teacher and flight instructor. Both workshops offer optional flight instruction. Write Mac Johnson, Department of Public Instruction, for information and scholarship applications.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION, VOL. 28, NO. 58, RE: FEDERAL MONIES . . .
Held: 1. Federal monies received under Public Law No. 874 may be used in the 30% permissive area above the foundation program in the elementary budgets to relieve the local tax burden provided, however, that such monies may not be used above the amount that a 15-mill levy would produce unless approved by the electors.

2. Federal monies received under Public Law 874 may be used in all independent budgets which are supported by local tax levies.

A Supplement to the HANDBOOK OF MONTANA SCHOOL FINANCE AND STATISTICS is being prepared for distribution to all HANDBOOK recipients, providing further information about the use of federal funds in school budgets, based on the Opinion cited above . . . . Also being published for distribution: State transportation reimbursement policies effective for the 1960-61 school year.

Montana Conservation Week -- May 22-28. Conservation films are available from Montana Fish & Game Department, Helena; Department of Public Instruction, Helena; Montana Extension Service, Bozeman; U.S. Forest Service, Missoula. The State Forester, Missoula, also has materials for conservation programs.

The 1960 Junior Engineers' and Scientists' Summer Institutes for boys and girls entering grades 11 or 12 in September, this year are scheduled for June 12-25 at Washington State University, Pullman, for boys; and at Idaho State College, Pocatello, for girls. Details have been sent to science and mathematics teachers; or write Stanley H. Shirk, 114 Sylvan Bldg., Portland 1, Oregon.

Montana's high schools will be the first in the nation to participate on a statewide basis in the Ford Foundation's Composer-in-Residence program, which provides a young composer to work with music groups in the schools to acquaint students with contemporary music. D. Donald Cervone, University of Illinois graduate student, will be Montana's Composer-in-Residence in 1960-61. Plans for the year are being developed through the Department of Public Instruction.

Vocational Teachers will meet at the Helena Senior High School in August. Dates: August 22...Home Economics and Vocational Agriculture; August 23...Montana Vocational Association meeting; August 24-25...Section meetings for Home Economics, Trade and Industrial Education, Vocational Agriculture and Distributive Education.

A Natural Resources Institute for teachers is scheduled for this summer by Oregon State College, Corvallis. The 8-weeks course includes geography, conservation and resource education. Write Oregon State College for details.

Want to schedule the Traveling Science Library for 1960-61? Write Hilary J. Deason, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1515 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 5, D.C. Specify elementary or secondary library.

Replacement or additional copies of the Study Guide in English, grades 9-12, are available at $1.80 per copy (cost plus mailing charges) from the Department of Public Instruction.

Four Academic-Year Institutes for teachers of Russian, German, Spanish and French have been announced for 1960-61. Contact Lester W. McKim, Department of Public Instruction, for further information.